Sustainable Forestry

Sustainable forestry is a concept that encourages you to view your forestland as a renewable, long-term resource. When managed thoughtfully with sustainability as the overarching goal, many benefits will accrue. Those benefits may include higher economic value, healthier watersheds, vibrant local economies in forest products, healthy wildlife populations, water resource protection, and open space preservation, to name a few.

At CLS we feel it is important to inform you of this forest stewardship consideration. Though greater economies of scale and efficiencies may be achieved in forest management operations as properties get larger, forest sustainability can also be practiced by a backyard tree farmer with only 10 acres. At any scale, there comes with sustainable forestry management the personal satisfaction of seeing the work you do on your land contributing toward a greater good.

Your County Extension office can provide you with a wealth of information at little or no charge. Your County Forester is an invaluable resource who will visit your property at no cost and provide you with information and ideas that can get you going with your forest management.

You may contact Cooperative Extension directly at: **UNH Cooperative Extension** Durham, NH. Call toll free, 1-800-444-8978 or visit them on the web for a complete list of programs, information, and contacts. http://ceinfo.unh.edu/Forestry/Forestry.htm

In addition, there are many other conservation organizations, statewide and local, that support the work of landowners. The **NH Timberland Owners Association** administers the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) program in New Hampshire and is an excellent place to find related information. They can be reached at (603) 224-9699 or http://www.nhtoa.org/

We welcome the opportunity to support New Hampshire's forests being a vibrant, vital, and viable part of our communities across the state. Feel free to contact our office as well if we can be of additional assistance.